

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 71 has been amended. Claims 53 to 70 have been canceled. Claims 1 to 4, 6 to 37, 39 to 52, and 71 to 73 are thus pending.

The amendments herein to the claims only clarify the subject matter of the present invention and are not made for purposes of patentability. No subject matter has been disclaimed, and the amendment of certain claims is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented. No new matter has been added. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue identical or similar claims in other patent applications that are identical or similar to the claims amended in this response.

Applicants have gratefully noted that claims 1 to 4, 6 to 37, 39 to 52, 72, and 73 have been allowed and that claim 71 has been considered as allowable subject matter if rewritten in an independent form.

Claim 71 has thus been rewritten in order to include all the limitations of claims 57, 53, and 1 as presented in the amendment dated August 28, 2007.

Claims 53 to 70 have been canceled.

In view of the foregoing Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner deem it beneficial to discuss the application in greater detail, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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